

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives firmly believe that this state's public schools have played an integral role in the educational development of countless young Missouri citizens; and

Whereas, this legislative body wishes to recognize an outstanding individual who has distinguished herself through excellence in public education; and

Whereas, Audrey B. Ferguson, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, is to be commended for the contributions she has made in working with the under-served youth of St. Louis City as a teacher at Pierre Laclede Elementary School in the St. Louis City School District in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, recognized as the 2002-2003 Missouri State Teacher of the Year, Audrey Ferguson is one of twenty-four teachers at Pierre Laclede Elementary School who work closely with 244 students enrolled in grades PK-05 and provide them with a proper environment that is conducive to learning; and

Whereas, Pierre Laclede Elementary School has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2002-2003 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in which capacity it was formally honored during the Gold Star Schools Forum held May 7, 2003, in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, one of fifteen schools chosen for the prestigious Gold Star Award, Pierre Laclede Elementary School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, Pierre Laclede Elementary School could not have attained Gold Star School status without the unparalleled leadership of Audrey Ferguson and an exceptional teaching and administrative staff that has continually instilled within all students the desire to realize their full potential:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Audrey Ferguson at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to touch the hearts and minds of Missouri's youngest citizens through education; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri State Teacher of the Year, Audrey B. Ferguson.

Offered by _____
Representative Yaphett El-Amin
District No. 57

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker